

St Bartholomew's Primary School Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 6 Leaver's Service, Trip to Marwell Zoo, Disco and Open Market Sale

Year 6 have been really busy over the last few weeks. They were given a stall at the Open Market for an afternoon and were given a small amount of money to spend, to grow into a larger amount. The children made candles, bags, sweet treats and many other items. They worked hard at making, marketing and selling, making a profit of over £100 in just one afternoon. Well done Year 6 and thanks to the Open Market for their support.

The Year 6 also took part in the Deanery Leaver's Service that took place at St. Bartholomew's Church. It was a lovely celebration of their time at Primary School and our Year 6 sang beautifully. Their behaviour was impeccable and they were a credit to us.

The Year 6 staff team worked hard to organise an AMAZING trip to Marwell Zoo. The children had such a wonderful time, learning about animals and creating final memories about their time in primary school. Thanks to the team that went with them and supported them to have such a wonderful day.

The parents of Year 6 decorated the hall in a tropical theme for the Year 6 Leaver's Disco on Friday. There was wonderful food and cakes provided and everyone had a wonderful time. Again, Year 6 were just so wonderfully behaved and a credit to you all.

We wish our Year 6 children all the very best in their new schools. We will miss them greatly but we know they will all flourish at secondary schools.

Non Uniform and Ice Cream Sale

The School Council, with the help of Miss Soar, organised a non-uniform event and ice cream sale in aid of the City Mission Food Bank. Thank you to all of you for your very kind donations to the food bank and for buying the ice creams! We have a number of bags of food to pass on and over £90 to donate to them.

Please remember that we can also refer families to the foodbank, if you feel you are struggling. Please see Miss Evans or Ms Blood in the first instance.

Ms Blood's trip to Westminster

As you know, school funding has hit crisis point and although we are continually creative with the small budget we have, it is becoming harder to provide what your children need. Myself and two other local Headteachers, accompanied Caroline Lucas (MP) to a meeting with Nick Gibb (Minister of State for Schools) to talk to him about how the current funding crisis is affecting our children. We had an hour with him and told him about how the lack of funding was having a negative influence on schools. We explained that this was the only chance the children have at an education and it needed to be funded now. He showed some understanding and explained that he



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was hoping that there would be more funding over the next year. However, there were no promises of this so we will continue to keep the pressure on.

School Day and Clubs

Please remember that from September the school day will finish at 3.00pm for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and will finish at 3.10pm for Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

If you need to use Starfish Afterschool Club, please call them on 07941525291. They have agreed to a reduced rate until 3.30pm for the next year to support us all with the transition to the new times. For more information about Starfish, you can visit their website: www.starfishkidsclub.co.uk/afterschool-club.

You will receive a School Ping about clubs this week, ready for September. This is the first time we have run this many clubs for a while so please forgive us any teething problems and let us know if there is anything we could do better when organising them.

Request for Lego

Miss Beavis will be running a Lego club next term but needs more Lego in order for the club to go ahead. We would be extremely grateful for any donations of old Lego – please give these to the school office.

SchoolPing

SchoolPing is our main form of communication with parents and so it is vital that every parent has access to this and checks it regularly. It is very simple to download the App from the App Store and set it up on any phone or tablet. You can also use it on a PC or laptop. We moved to SchoolPing last September so the transition period is now over and all communication will now come via this, unless you have specifically requested paper copies of letters. However, some communications will ONLY come via School Ping, such as reminders about events and activities. If you do not access School Ping, you will miss these messages. If you are having difficulty with your SchoolPing account, please contact SchoolPing directly via <https://www.schoolping.co.uk/contact/> or on 01273 201701. Their website also has a help centre that you might find useful: <https://www.schoolping.co.uk/help/>. If you have forgotten your username or password, the school office can reset this for you.

Kindness to Children

Please can I remind you that if you have any concerns about other children's behaviour either during school time or at after school events, that you speak to a member of staff about it. It is unacceptable for parents to be unkind to other children about their behaviour – they are all children and are all amazingly, wonderful, unique individuals. We care for all of them and we want them all to be safe.

Get Into Music

We have a violin tutor and a guitar tutor from the Brighton & Hove Music and Arts (BHMA) service who visit us each week. They can offer violin tuition from Year 2 upwards and guitar tuition from Year 4 upwards. If your child would be interested in learning the violin or guitar, you can apply online at bhma.org.uk or collect an application form from school. These music lessons do have a cost but there is financial help available for families on low incomes. For further information about this, contact BHMA on 01273 261565 or via bhma@brightondome.org

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Chomp Holiday Clubs

Chomp helps low income families during school holidays and term time by providing a free nutritious meal for all the family alongside fun activities to increase social engagement and confidence with peers. Please see the table below for details of Chomp clubs happening over the Summer holidays – if you would like to attend any of the sessions, please make sure to register beforehand.

Where	When	How to register
Chomp Benfield Benfield Primary School, 255 Old Shoreham Rd, Portslade, BN41 1XS	29th July 1 st , 5 th , 8 th , 12 th , 22 nd , 29 th August	Register at https://chompbrighton.co.uk/register or visit the 'Chomp Brighton' Facebook page.
Chomp Fabrica Fabrica Art Gallery, Duke Street, BN1 1AG	29th July 5 th , 12 th , 19 th and 26 th August	Register at www.fabrica.org.uk/events .
Chomp Gloucester Place (city centre) One Church Brighton, Gloucester Place, BN1 4AA	29th, 30th July 5 th , 6 th , 12 th , 13 th , 19 th , 20 th , 26 th , 27 th August	Register at https://chompbrighton.co.uk/register or email chomp@onechurchbrighton.org .
Chomp Hangleton and Knoll Project Community Café, Knoll Park, Stapley Road, Hove, BN3 7FD	6 th , 13 th , 20 th , 27 th August	Email claire.johnson@hkproject.org.uk .
Chomp Moulsecoomb Hillview Good News Centre, Hodshrove Lane, BN2 4SB	31 st July 7 th , 14 th , 21 st , 28 th August	Text/call 07399582613 or email chompoulsecoomb@gmail.com .
Chomp Whitehawk St. Davids Hall Whitehawk Road BN2 5FH	31 st July 2 nd , 7 th , 9 th , 14 th , 16 th , 21 st , 23 rd , 28 th , 30 th August	Register at https://chompbrighton.co.uk/register or visit the 'Chomp Brighton' Facebook page.

Have a happy, safe and relaxing summer and we very much look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 9th September.

Kind Regards

Katie Blood

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Headteacher